

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action dated May 14, 2007. Claims 31-50 are pending. Applicant has amended Claims 32 and 46 in this Response. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Specification stands objected to because of an identified informality. Applicant has amended the Specification in this Response to correct the identified informality. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 32 and 33 stand objected to because of an identified informality. Applicant has amended Claim 32 in this Response to correct the identified informality. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn.

Claims 46-50 stand rejected under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly “indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.” Office Action, Page 3. Specifically, the Examiner states that “It would be more appropriate to remove ‘tangible’ from the claim limitations.” Office Action, Page 3. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Nevertheless, Applicant has amended Claim 46 to recite, in relevant part, “A computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium having computer program code for cache coherency, the computer program product comprising. . .” Applicant therefore respectfully submits that these rejections are overcome and therefore respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

Claims 31-50 stand provisionally rejected for nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/809,579 to Gschwind (“the ’579 Application”).

Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer in conjunction with this Response. Therefore, Applicant submits that the double-patenting rejections over the '579 Application are overcome. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the provisional double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 31-50.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 09-0447 of IBM Corporation.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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